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Our daughters, Hannah and Heidi, are the center of our world, and my wife and I are devoted to seeing their needs met and their best interests fulfilled. I am only interested in improving our Schools - for my children, for your children, and for ALL of Coffee County's children.

I am the only candidate representing District One in this year's Board of Education race to combine

- all of the following qualities:
- *I am an alumnus of the Coffee County School System.
- *My wife is an alumna of the Coffee County School System.
- *I have lived my entire life in Coffee County's District One.
- *I am a certified teacher rated "Highly Qualified" by the State of Alabama.
- *I have genuine, real-world, present-day teaching experience in Alabama's public schools.
- *Our children are fourth-generation members of our family attending Coffee County Schools.

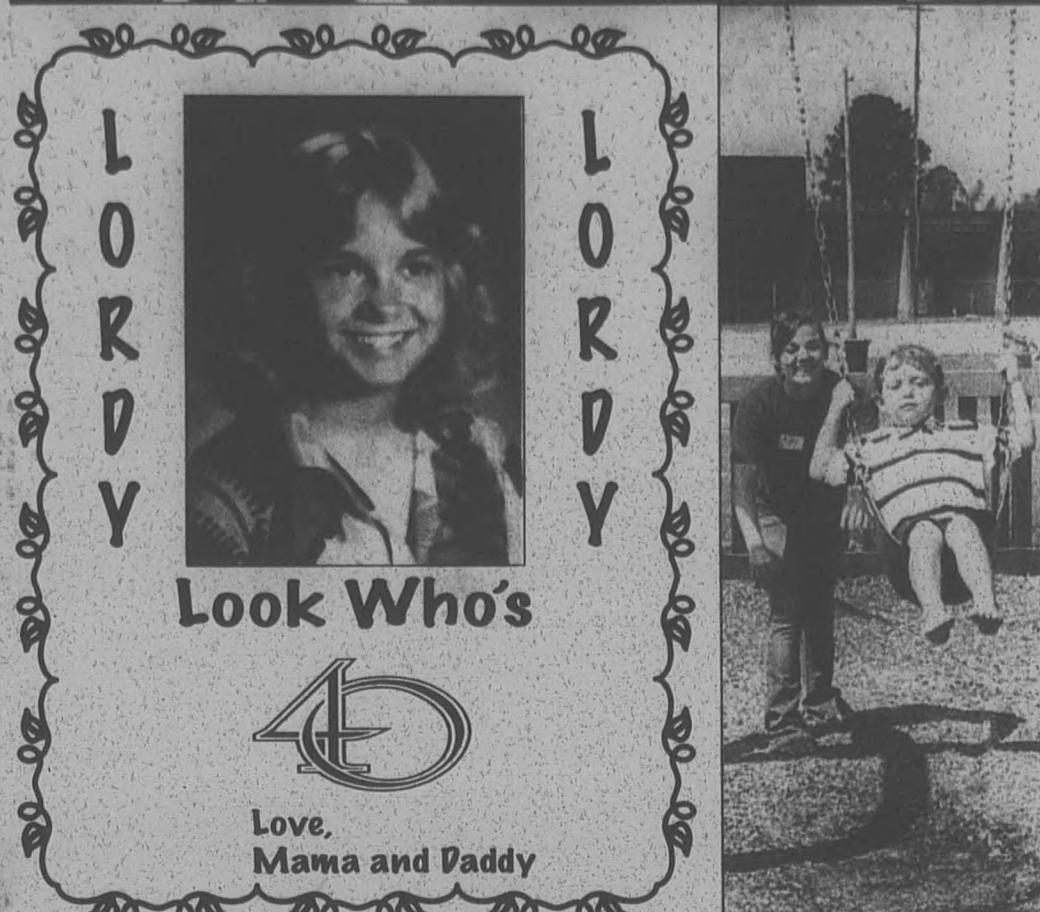
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Because parents know what's best for their children, and parents should be the ones making the decisions about our children's future.

Joseph "Joey" Arnold
Coffee County Board of Education District One
The Vision For Our Children's Future

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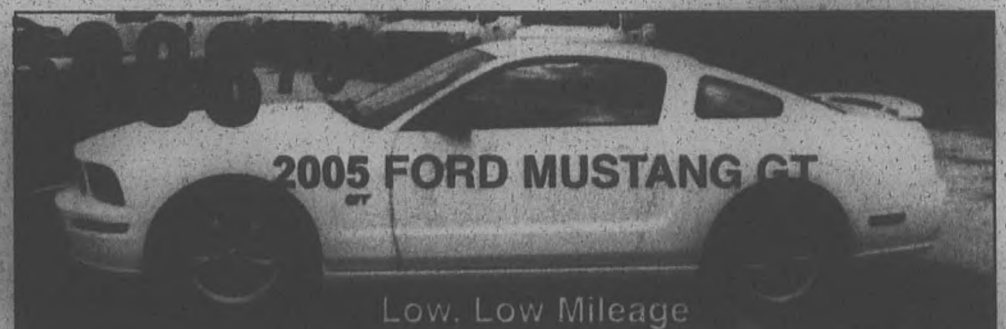


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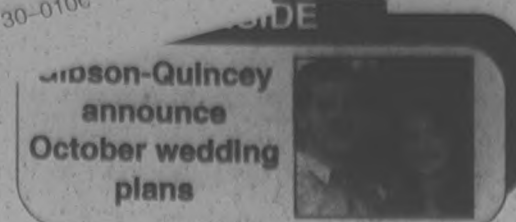
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Coffee County BOE approves FY2009 budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of the Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday, Sept. 11, and voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2009 budget.

After holding two required public hearings and upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram board members voted to approve the budget as presented. Following the board's action, Dr. Ingram said she especially wanted to say "thank you" to Glenda Glass, the school system's chief financial officer, for her work in preparing the budget. She said Glass had worked long and hard and did an outstanding job. Board members echoed Ingram's comments.

The approved FY2009 budget included \$19,293,098 in total revenues. The total expenditures were \$22,257,814 with other fund sources equalling \$1,132,198 (this included \$1,087,198 for 2008 leveraged funds received).

One item in the budget that brought a smile to the faces of the superintendent and board members was the debt service line item. This column was zeroed out because the school system does not owe a bond issue locally.

Also during last Thursday's meeting, board members voted to approve the FY2009 Capital Plan for the school system.

Currently, there are 11 capital plan projects already in progress. With the approval of the FY2009 Capital Plan last week, the next project in line will be additions at Zion Chapel School to include more classrooms and the construction of a new band room.

Dr. Ingram said this school continues to grow and is up 55 students this new school year. "If we don't start planning for the growth, we're going to end up in portables again," said Ingram. "I don't think this band wants that."

Dr. Ingram also said there is a definite need for a new band room at Zion Chapel. The band has increased from 30-something members last year to 65 members this year, and the superintendent said the current band room is not sufficient for the current size of the band.

"It's exciting to say we need to build because of growth," Dr. Ingram said.

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Montgomery nurse with ties to Elba dies following assault and robbery

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Brenda Sherard, the 53-year-old Montgomery nurse who died last Saturday following a Thursday night assault and robbery, had strong Elba ties.

She was the youngest of five children of the late Wayne and Addie Pearl Wicker. Wayne Wicker, born and raised in Elba, was killed in a car wreck when Brenda was 2-years-old. Addie Pearl Wicker was raised between Elba and Opp.

Wayne Wicker was a brother to Mrs. Robert Howard and Mrs. Arthur D. Smith, both of Elba. Police reports and family members relate that Brenda and her husband Johnny had just pulled into their driveway Thursday evening after eating out at an

area restaurant when three young men walked up to their car.

The first thing Mr. Sherard knew, there was a pistol pointed at his face. One of the robbers took his wallet and discarded it in disgust after discovering it contained no money.

Mrs. Sherard started screaming for help as they attempted to take her purse, which contained keys to some secure lockers at the hospital. A neighbor down the street walked outside and one of the robbers fired a shot into the air as they ran away.

Mr. Sherard ran around the car to find his wife lying on the ground bloodied from an obvious pistol whipping. She later died in the hospital.

Police have no suspects but are following several leads.

Four local businesses donate GPS units to Coffee County EMS

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

Last week four local businesses made a donation to the community in the form of two GPS units, which were presented to Coffee County EMS.

Rory Vignola, EMT with Coffee County EMS, said he had thought about the idea for some time. It was during this time that he spoke with Ted Vignola, owner of Time Limited Forestry about the idea.

"He told me to find out information on pricing and to let him know back," said Vignola. Vignola stated he located the units and then spoke with Dennis Lawford, owner of Lawford Construction.

"He literally handed me cash money on the spot and told me to go and purchase the units," said Vignola.

After this, Vignola said he contacted Jimmy Cook, owner of Cook Chevrolet/Cook Ford and also contacted Dale Jackson, owner of Jackson Forestry Service.

"All were more than happy to assist the community, as well as, all of us at Coffee County EMS in having better technology and better response times," said Vignola.

With all checks and cash in hand, Vignola purchased the units last Friday, and they were installed the same night.

Vignola also said the units were used over the weekend and worked well.

Danny Jordan, Coffee County EMS, said the units will not only help emergency responders around the area but

also will assist when making patient transfers to other cities. "We transport patients to other hospitals in Mobile, Birmingham and Montgomery," said Jordan. "This will help in those cities as well,

especially when in larger cities you have blocks and blocks of hospitals."

Jordan restated the two donated GPS units will assist responders in better serving the community.

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Pictured (l to r): Dale Jackson, Jackson Forestry Service; Ted Vignola, Time Limited Forestry; Joey Daniels, Cook Chevrolet/Cook Ford; Danny Jordan, Coffee County EMS; Ben Purvis, EMT with Coffee County EMS; and Rory Vignola, EMT with Coffee County EMS.

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To be shown in Times Square on Sunday, September 28th NDSS video features Elba's Joseph Cline

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Joseph Cline of Elba will appear Sunday, Sept. 28, in Broadway lights in New York as part of the National Down Syndrome Society's (NDSS) video production to demonstrate that people with Down syndrome can be successfully included in community activities, education and employment.

Joseph is the son of Joel and Ann Cline.

The photo of Joseph, who has Down syndrome, was selected from 2,500 entries in the NDSS nationwide call for photos. Approximately 200 photographs will appear in a video production to be shown on the larger than life plasma screen, located at the heart of Times Square in New York City.

The video production, coordinated by NDSS, illustrates children, teens and adults with Down syndrome working, playing and learning with family and friends. This video can also be found in the coming year on the national Buddy Walk website, <www.buddywalk.org>.

The Times Square video Kicks off National Down Syndrome Awareness Month, which includes the 2008 Buddy Walk. This year, walks will be held in more than 275 cities across the country, as



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well as international walks. Knology and F.R.I.E.N.D.S. (Friends Reaching Influencing, Educating and Networking for Down syndrome) will hold the First Annual Wiregrass Area Buddy Walk on Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Kiwanis Park in Dothan, Ala. Joseph and his family invite friends to attend as they celebrate favorite "Buddies" of the Wiregrass and look to the future for Down syndrome.

Call Anne Cline (334) 897-1550 or Alicia Sims (334) 699-1118, or email cwiregrassbuddywalk@live.com for more information.

Jack Day Festival & Walk for Literacy Schedule of Events:

- 9 a.m. - Opening ceremonies & presentation of flag by the Boy Scouts (outdoors)
- 9:15 a.m. - Derek Snellgrove and Chosen (outdoor stage)
- 9:30 a.m. - Miss Jack Day Pageants (auditorium)
- 10 a.m. - Introduction of '08 Little Miss National Peanut Festival Contestants (outdoor stage)
- 10:15 a.m. - Concert by the Zion Chapel Rebel Band (outdoors)
- 10:30 a.m. - Balloon creations by "Titan Magic" (outdoors)
- 11 a.m. - ZC Midget, Termitte and Peewee Cheerleader performances (outdoors)
- 11:30 a.m. - ZC Junior Varsity & Varsity Cheerleader performances (outdoors)
- 12 p.m. - Magic Show by "Titan Magic" (auditorium)
- 1 p.m. - SheBang Cloggers (outdoor stage)
- 1:45 p.m. - Silent Auction Winners announced (outdoor stage)

(All outdoor activities will be held in front of the high school)

Fifth annual Jack Day Festival set for Saturday on Zion Chapel School campus

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of Altrusa International of Jack, Ala. turn this weekend to the community for help in raising funds for the club's annual service projects.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Heard on the street last week... "It's hard not to like Sarah Palin. Call me smitten, but there's something about a beauty pageant winner who can field dress a moose, be the star on the basketball team, raise five children and still dazzle America in the political arena". She is given credit for the McCain ticket jumping into the popular vote lead in most recent polls. One national polling report we watch regularly actually had the McCain ticket leading by a few votes in the Electoral College delegates during the past weekend. Another (Alabama poll) shows the McCain/Palin ticket jumping over eight points more than the Obama/Biden ticket, yet these same people felt Senator Joe Biden was more qualified to be president than Sarah Palin. It confirms our thoughts that the only poll which really counts is the one actual voters cast on election day!

It is still too early to judge Sarah Palin's long time national appeal, but thus far she is ahead of the game and all efforts to cut her down appear to backfire. There are some cracks showing up in her armor but the flaws (or fingers pointing to them) just seem to solidify and widen her support. People see she is human, makes mistakes just like the rest of us and is willing to admit it. Americans can relate to the making of mistakes and thus far have embraced her for being so open. Still... it seems too good to be true... a national political figure U.S. voters actually like!

It is a bit maddening to read newspaper articles and/or watch TV videos of rescuers snatching thousands and thousands of people from Texas floodwaters. Our thoughts are *'they saw it coming and should have left before the storm hit'*. However there is another side for many of those people. They simply don't have the financial ability to drive hundreds of miles, rent motels, buy food, etc., and then return home after the crisis has passed. It is the old story of being one pay check away from bankruptcy. You see pictures of those disadvantaged who tried to leave and are stranded beside the roadside, sitting at service stations, etc., for days, all trying to figure out a way to get gas money to proceed. We don't have an answer to all this, but do suggest our readers join us in being a bit less judgemental unless all the details are known on a particular person's situation.

We try to spare our readers so much about our grandchildren, but it is hard. Grandmama and granddaddy are part of the normal gloating older generation and enjoying it. We share the emotions of most other grandparents in having loving pride for our grands. However we stop at times and wish we could go back to this same stage with our own children. The resolve would be to make one less dumb mistake in raising them and to spend one more hour, or one more day letting them know how much each of them is loved.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Dept., beginning Monday, Sept. 8, investigated the following incidents: one house fire, two for unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, five for theft of property, three private property accidents, five for burglary, one harassing communications, two domestic disputes, one criminal trespassing, one civil dispute, two for harassment, one assault and one menacing. The following arrests were made: three for failure to appear and one for theft of property. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: seven for not wearing a seat belt, two for an expired tag, three for no insurance, three for a suspended driver's license, one for not using a child restraint, one for violation of the noise ordinance, one for failure to display insurance, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, one for running a stop sign and one for a revoked driver's license. Daily activity highlights were as follows:
MONDAY, SEPT. 8 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 42 County Rd. 330 (2:32 p.m.); Elba Fire dispatched to a house fire at Dunham St. (11:16 p.m.).
TUESDAY, SEPT. 9 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 114 (1:54 a.m.).
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10 - Wreck reported on the Troy Hwy. in front of Windham Lumber (9:01 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 167 (5:59 p.m.); Elba Fire dispatched to a trash fire in a gulley at County Rd. 400 and Hwy. 84 W. (7:41 p.m.).
THURSDAY, SEPT. 11 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1675 County Rd. 217 (6:58 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 3354 Hwy. 84 (8:56 a.m.); Burglary reported at Vaughn Apts. (1:05 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at the laundry mat by the Island station (6:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 989 County Rd. 400 (5:52 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 990 Carver Dr. (7:59 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Smith Ave. (10:14 p.m.).
FRIDAY, SEPT. 12 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 822 Roosevelt (10:04 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Methodist Church (10:17 a.m.); Wreck reported at Dairy Queen (12:24 p.m.); Burglary reported at 825 Putnam St. (1:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1496 County Rd. 210 (5:13 p.m.).
SATURDAY, SEPT. 13 - Burglary reported at 504 Smith Ave. (7:37 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 220 County Rd. 401 (9:55 a.m.); Burglary (vehicle) reported at 1285 Ann St. (11:36 a.m.); Elba Fire dispatched to a trash fire at County Rd. 400 (2:21 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 823 Roosevelt (6:46 p.m.); Fight reported on Harper Dr. (10:17 p.m.).
SUNDAY, SEPT. 14 - Fight re-

Shuffling Through Our Files... (News Taken From Past Editions of The Elba Clipper)

10 Years Ago

County school system recognizes media - The Coffee County School Board met in regular session last Thursday and wasted little time in getting through its 16-item agenda. Most of last Thursday's business dealt with routine matters such as out-of-state travel, accepting bids on building maintenance, and presentations. Two members of the local press, Shelley Brigman with The Enterprise Ledger and Marvin McLain, editor of The Elba Clipper, were presented resolutions placing them on the Alabama Association of School Boards' statewide Media Honor Roll. The two reporters were recognized by the board for their balanced and accurate reporting of challenges facing the schools, and the achievements of both teachers and students.

First Assembly of God to host Saturday trip - The Elba First Assembly of God will begin a series of "Super Senior Saturdays," where seniors will take trips to annual area festivals. Each Saturday, Sept. 26 - Oct. 17, the group will meet at the church at 7:30 a.m., have a continental breakfast, board the church van for the trip, have lunch and return in the afternoon. Anyone over the age of 50 is invited to join the "prime timers" for a day of festivals.

20 Years Ago

Fred Moore elected new mayor by 30-vote margin - Elba voters again went to the polls in record numbers Tuesday to elect Fred Moore mayor in the municipal run-off election. The September election attracted 1567 voters, a record for Elba but that record was struck from the books this week when 1690 voters expressed their preferences and put a new mayor in office.

Elba Tigers blank Laverne 14-0 - The Elba Tigers jour-

neyed to Laverne on Monday night for a showdown with the third ranked Laverne Tigers and combined a rock hard defense with a solid running attack to grind out a 14-0 win. The win was Elba's third straight of the young season and capped the Tigers Area 3 record to 2-0, while Laverne slipped to 2-1 with the loss and fell to 0-1 in Area 3 play.

30 Years Ago

Guy Hunt To Be In Elba - Guy Hunt, the Republican candidate for Governor, makes a swing through South Alabama this week and his stops will include one in Elba today (Thursday) at 2:00 p.m. The former Cullman County Probate Judge stated that he intends to take his campaign to Elba High School library. Activities of the band for the year were discussed and planned. Ways to raise money for new band uniforms was the main topic. It was decided that barbecue would be served at the lunch room before the opening game with Opp Sept. 26.

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ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 5:30 p.m. City Hall

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ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. 5:30 p.m. - Sup. Office

AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 994-5858

COFFEE COUNTY COON BROTHERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 5-10 p.m. Club House

COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po. Police Enterprise

ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 3rd Thursday at 5 P.M., the PRO of-Rec at the Airport

AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

ELBA KENAN CLUB - 2nd & 4th Thursday - Noon - Elba Public Library

lar Girls Who Rose to Top." Mrs. Arquilla who visited here recently with her husband N. L. Arquilla, is described in the column as follows: "Carol Arquilla is a young woman who joined the Zenith Radio Corporation 11 years ago as a lacer in television and radio assembly. In 1955 she was transferred from the factory to the office where she was placed in the purchasing department. A native of Alabama, she graduated from the Elba, Ala. High School."

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Obituaries

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COADIE B. NELSON

Mr. Coadie B. Nelson, age 90, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2006, at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Sept. 11, 2006 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Reverend Billy Redd officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

The family requested that those wishing to make memorial contributions make them in care of the Elba Senior Citizen Center.

Mr. Nelson's wife, Maerene Bryan Nelson, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his daughter: Gloria (husband Ronny) Jimright and son: Bruce (Sheila) Nelson, both of Elba; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

OSCAR VAUGHAN JR.

Mr. Oscar Vaughan Jr., age 81, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2006, at his home.

He was born June 10, 1927 in Bascom, Fla. Mr. Vaughan joined the Elba Exchange Bank in 1951 as a teller. He graduated from LSU School of Banking in 1960, and at the age of 37, was named President of Elba Exchange Bank in 1964 and Chairman of the Board in 1985. In 1971 the Alabama Banker's Association named Oscar Vaughan Coffee County Key Banker.

Mr. Vaughan was a member of Elba United Methodist Church and served on the Administrative Board. He was also a member of the Rotary Club, Elba City School Board, serving as treasurer, the Elba City Light and Water Board, the Industrial Board, the Elba General Hospital Board, the Windham Power Light Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors of First Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Funeral services were held Sept. 12, 2006 at Elba United Methodist Church with Rev. Stanley Carter officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

The Vaughan family requested contributions be made to the Elba United Methodist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 503, Elba, AL 36523.

Mr. Vaughan was preceded in death by his parents Oscar and Myrtle Olive Vaughan, his sister, Miriam Vaughan Kennedy, and his brother Billy Leonard Vaughan, M.D.

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By the way, I would like to apologize to Al English for

STEVE McQUEEN PEARSON

Mr. Steve McQueen Pearson, age 41, died Saturday, Sept. 6, 2006, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Fla.

Funeral services were held Sept. 13, 2006 at Son Light Covenant Church, Crestview, Fla., with Pastor Alvin E. Smith officiating. Burial followed with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. directing.

Mr. Pearson was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Survivors include his sisters: Glenda Caldwell, Cleveland, Ohio; Jacqueline Bell (Willie) and Michelle Smiley, Florida, Ala.; Kaye Pearson, Chicago, Ill.; Beverly Pearson (Tony) Renee Pearson and Gay Pearson; and five brothers: Gregory Caldwell (Nedra), Chicago; Joseph Caldwell, Kenneth Pearson (Tony), Michael Harris (Sharon) and MacKeith Pearson.

WILSON BEAN

Mr. Wilson Bean, age 70, died Sunday, Sept. 7, 2006, in Opp, Ala.

Funeral services were held Sept. 12, 2006 from the Chapel of Coleman Funeral Home, Elba, Ala., with Pastor Teddy Hill officiating. Burial followed with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Bean was preceded in death by both parents, Mr. John Wilson Bean and Gertrude

Broadnax Bean; a sister, Clara Bell Richards; two brothers, George Broadnax and Q.P. Bean; and one daughter, Mary Ann Bean Whitehurst.

Survivors include his wife: William Bean; daughters: Annie Gray and Sarah (Greg) Loman; granddaughter: Marika Whitehurst; sister: Rosie (Herbert) Harris; and brother: Willie B. Bean.

ELMA HAMMONDS

Mrs. Elma Hammonds, age 90, a resident of Elba, Ala., died recently at her home.

Funeral services for Mrs. Elma Hammonds were held Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2006, from the Greater New Zion Baptist Church of Elba with Reverend W.L. Peterson, pastor officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hammond Funeral Home of Elba directing.

ROBERT FRANKLIN DUNCAN

Mr. Robert Franklin Duncan, age 57, of Elba, Ala., died Fri-

day, Sept. 12, 2006, at his home in Elba.

Funeral services were held Sept. 15, 2006 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral in Elba with Rev. Donnie Marler and Rev. Joe Harris officiating. Burial followed in the Newbin Baptist Church Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Dianne Duncan, Elba; four sons: Wayne Duncan (Kitty), Troy, Ala.; Lamar Stokes, Andalusia, Ala.; Robby Stokes and Brad Stokes, both of Opp, Ala.; one daughter: Tina Dun-

can, Panama City, Fla.; two brothers: Donald Ray Duncan, Andalusia, Raymond Duncan, Elba; four sisters: Louise Beck, Margaret Smith and Carolyn Hudson, all of Elba, Shirley Richards, Opp; and 14 grandchildren.

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SPORTS

VIEWS FROM... THE PRESSBOX BY RICKY MULARZ, SPORTS EDITOR

My wife and exchange student went up to Troy University last weekend to watch the football game and visit with our daughters, but saw much more of the game than she did the girls. Our oldest daughter Melissa was busy taking a test didn't even go to the game, while our youngest daughter Melanie had to give tours of the campus in the morning, escort special guests to their seats prior to the game and then help those guests in the pressbox suites when the game started. There was time to do a little talking, but that was about it until late at night when we finally got back with them on their cell phones. For the Mularz girls college is far more than just fun and games!

Elba Tigers remain undefeated... The Elba Tigers remained undefeated and topped their record to 3-0 last week with a 48-13 romp past previously undefeated Barbour County. The Tigers scored on four of five first half possessions to grab a 27-7 halftime lead, then scored on their first two possessions of the second half to take a 41-13 lead. Elba's spread offense again worked as designed as both Michael Lindsey and Carlos Matias gained over 100 yards and combined for four touchdowns, while Lindsey also passed for over 100 yards and two more scores. When Barbour County would clog the middle Lindsey would take off around the corner, and when it would try to stop Lindsey by spreading out Matias would barrel up the middle for big chunks of yardage. When Barbour County would sell out to stop the run Lindsey would pass for big gains. Friday night Elba's offense was a three-pronged monster and the result was 48 points and a big region win. The Elba defense gave up almost 200 yards on the ground and even in the big win wasn't as impressive in weeks past. Barbour County seemed to be running downhill on a number of occasions and averaged over eight yards per carry, and hopefully the success on the ground was due to a problem with the Tiger alignment and effort and not Barbour County exposing a weakness on the defense. Hey, it was a big win and kept the Tigers unbeaten as they work toward their goal of winning the region and hosting a first round playoff game. Right now it's fun to be a Tiger and a Tiger fan!

It wasn't the best of weeks... It wasn't the best of weeks for the teams in the area as only the Brantley Bulldogs were able to claim a win against region opponents. Here's a quick look back at the week that was for area teams...

Brantley (3-0) gave up an early score to Florida and then took command as the Bulldogs rolled to a 46-10 win. Anthony Gully and Chase Hall continued to lead the offense up and down the field, while the Brantley defense made plays when it had to and turned in a winning performance. The only negative in the kicking game where the Bulldogs missed three extra-points. That stat could come back and bite the 'Dogs if not corrected.

Kinston (0-3) finally got on the scoreboard for the first time this season, but it was far from enough to make a difference as Providence Christian 51-8 pounded the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs have allowed an average of 52 points a game in their opening three losses and scored a total of eight, which makes it pretty clear just why the men in orange and blue have struggled. If Kinston can get well on defense there is a chance for a win or two in the coming weeks. If not the losses will simply mount.

New Brockton (2-1) had its chances last week but failed to cash in on a couple of scoring opportunities in a 21-7 region loss to Houston Academy. The Gamecocks were stopped at the goal line by an interception and failed to score on another visit deep in Houston Academy territory, and despite a winning effort came home with their first loss of the season. The loss may have hurt, but these Gamecocks have a different mind set than teams in the past and won't accept the loss. Just watch.

Zion Chapel (0-3) never had a chance in a 54-8 loss to St. Jude, of Montgomery. The Rebels lost seen fumbles in the lopsided loss and after allowing 47 points in the first half many wondered if the visitors would try and score 100. The decision to play six-minute quarters in the second half ended that worry. However, the fumbles have almost reached epidemic proportions at Zion Chapel and until the Rebels find the handle on the football it will make it easy for their opponents to light up the scoreboard.

A look around the state... A look around the state found a few surprises at high school football fields, and after three weeks here are some interesting observations...

Andalusia claimed its first win of the season with a 26-0 win over W.S. Neal and maybe now the Bulldogs will settle down and develop into the team most thought would be a dominant force in the 4A ranks. Forget the fact the Bulldogs led only 2-0 at halftime, at least it held up and now Andalusia has that elusive first win.

Carver of Montgomery continued to enjoy its move down to the 5A ranks with a 58-20 drubbing of Chilton County. The Wolverines have made it look extremely easy in their first three games and could very well be a team to watch as the season progresses. The meat of the schedule is yet to come, but they have made things interesting.

Houston County rallied from a 43-16 fourth quarter deficit to outscore Cottonwood 52-50 and handed the Bears their second straight region loss. The Lions scored the winning touchdown with a 95-yard touchdown pass on a third down and 48 from its own 5-yardline, and left the Bears wondering around what had happened. Good question.

Straughn rallied from a 24-6 halftime deficit to squeeze past winless Cottage Hill 31-30, in Mobile. In weeks past the Tigers had jumped out to big leads and then pulled off the starters, but last week they had to regroup after a disastrous first half and score late to remain atop the region standings. It was a win, but did raise a few questions.

In other games of note Charles Henderson improved to 3-0 with a 34-14 win over Booker T. Washington, Daleville remained a surprise team in the 3A ranks with a 34-14 win over Dale County, Luverne upped its record to 2-1 with a 27-0 region win over Choctaw County, McKenzie remained unbeaten with a surprising 42-28 win over previously undefeated Arton, Pike County went to 2-1 with a 26-7 win over Headland, Opp moved to 2-0 in region play with a 26-13 win over Alabama Christian and Highland Home remained winless after a 41-18 loss to Reeltown.

The biggest story of the season... The biggest story of the season on the high school scene has to be the 2-1 start of the R.C. Hatch Bobcats. The Bobcats defeated Francis Marion 28-20 last week for their second win of the season and may be on their way to a record-breaking season. R.C. Hatch has never had a winning season in its 35 years of playing football and has never won more than two games in any one season. During one stretch from 1994 to 2006 the Bobcats posted a record of 2 wins and 101 losses, and included in that stretch was a 61-game losing streak. I can't imagine what it had to be like for the players just to come out to practice knowing they were going to lose. However, they never folded the program and just kept on working. This season they are 2-1 after three weeks and just maybe the Bobcats will keep on winning, set records and turn the program around. Everyone at R.C. Hatch is to be commended for the start and here's wishing the Bobcats good luck the rest of the way.

Moving to the college ranks... Moving to the college ranks it was a week that made some state fans happy and left others shouting for changes to be made. The Alabama fans were satisfied with the Tide's easy 41-7 win over lowly Western Kentucky and are looking forward to the beginning of conference play, while the Auburn fans were a little embarrassed about the Tigers' 3-2 win over Mississippi State and the displeasure with the new spread offense is growing weekly. Troy University had an easy 65-0 win over Alcorn, but as one person said "at least Alcorn's band was good." From my view in front of the TV I must say I wasn't impressed with Georgia, knew Ohio State didn't have the speed to play with USC, thought it was funny to watch Brigham Young embarrass UCLA, and couldn't believe that even as bad as Michigan it would lose to Notre Dame. Oh yea, Penn State is the most over-rated team in the nation!

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator... Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator looked a little tired when he stopped by over the weekend and dropped off this week's picks, and after a while admitted the heat and humidity at the early-season games have been a little hard to handle, even from the sidelines. The local guesspud did hit on 32 of 38 picks last week to move his season totals to 77-21, and said he still had enough energy to shine up the crystal ball and make this week's picks. Here goes...

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SPORTS

Improve record to 3-0

Tigers terrorize Barbour County 48-13

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers turned back an early challenge and never looked back Friday night to claim a big 48-13 region win over the Barbour County Jaguars, on Mack Wood Field at Tiger Stadium.

The win upped Elba's record to 3-0, 2-0 in region play, while Barbour County saw its record slip to 2-1, 1-1 in the region with the loss.

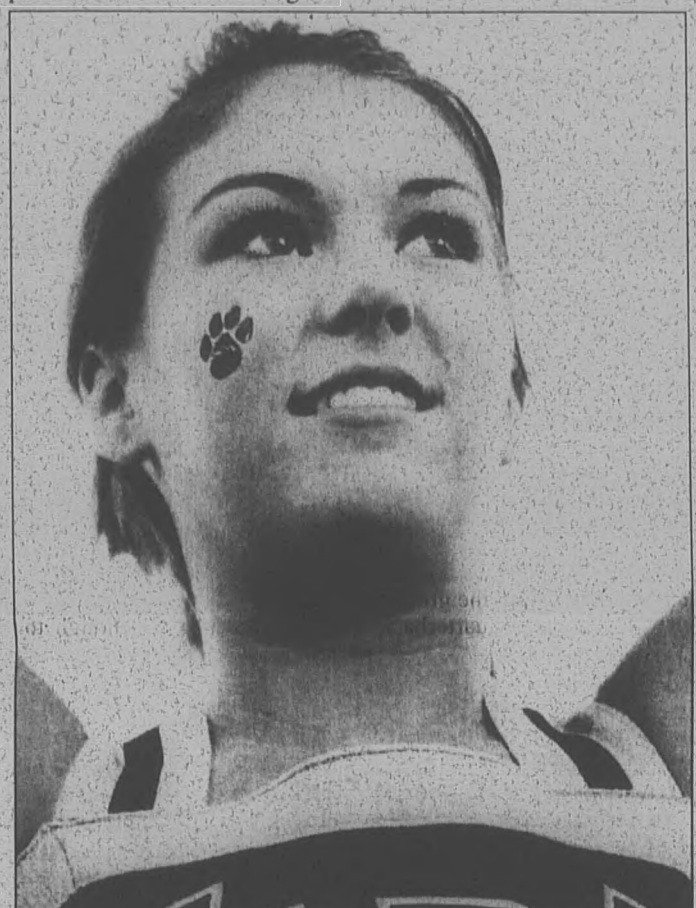
Elba began its initial possession of the game at its own 25-yardline after a Barbour County punt and promptly marched 75 yards in 11 plays to get on the scoreboard. Carlos Matias gained 41 yards in 4 carries to lead the Tigers downfield, while the touchdown came on a 9-yard pass from Michael Lindsey to Gavin Respress. Richard Cooks added the extra-point and with 4:15 remaining in the first quarter the Tigers were on top 7-0.

Elba's next offensive series began at the Barbour County 44-yardline after short Jaguar punt and this time the Tigers



Elba Tiger Carlos Matias (12) cuts behind the block of teammate Xavier Rodgers (50) and finds room for a 41-yard run. Matias gained 105 yards rushing and scored 2 touchdowns in last week's 48-13 win over Barbour County.

covered the distance to the endzone in 8 plays to add to their



Elba Tiger cheerleader Molly McGuire had plenty to cheer about last week in the Tigers' big 48-13 win over Barbour County. Friday night the Tigers will host G.W. Long in a key region encounter.

SPORTS

Zion Chapel Rebels drop region battle to St. Jude Pirates 54-8

Statistics by Chris Winters
Photos by Matt Winters

The Pirates from the City of St. Jude sailed into Jack Friday night for a region contest against the Zion Chapel Rebels and returned home with a ship filled with loot as they plundered the Rebels 54-8.

St. Jude needed only two plays to get on the scoreboard on its initial possession with the touchdown coming on a 68-yard touchdown pass from Ivey Moscatello to Rimeek Ford. The extra-point failed, but with only 39 seconds gone in the opening quarter, the Pirates were already on top 6-0.

Zion Chapel began its first possession at its own 39-yard line after a 12-yard kickoff return by Lance Walden and behind the hard running of Walden crossed midfield. The drive stalled after moving into Pirate territory; however, and St. Jude regained possession at its own 23-yard line after a 33-yard boot by Garrett Stinson.

Noel Butler gained 18 yards on the first play of the possession to get the Pirates headed in the right direction, while a 38-yard pass from Moscatello to George Price moved the ball

into Rebel territory. Butler later scored on a 29-yard dash, and this time the extra-point was true as St. Jude upped its lead to 13-0 with 6:52 remaining in the first quarter.

The Pirates got the ball right back on a fumble on the ensuing kickoff at the Zion Chapel 28-yard line and needed only one play to cash in the turnover as on the Pirates first snap Charles Knight took a handoff and scored on a 28-yard sprint. The Pirates tacked on the two-point conversion and with 6:30 left in the quarter, St. Jude's lead had ballooned to 21-0.

Justin Winters brought the home crowd to its feet with a 58-yard kickoff return on the ensuing kickoff that set the Rebels up at the St. Jude 27-yard line. However, Zion Chapel got knocked back near midfield and on fourth and 32 punted the ball away.

St. Jude was ready to add to its lead and marched 66 yards in 13 plays behind the strong arm of Ivey Moscatello get back into the endzone. The touchdown came on a 4-yard pass from Moscatello to Price, and while the extra-point failed, the Pirates' lead was up to 27-0 with 9:24 left in the second quarter.

St. Jude recovered a fumble at the Zion Chapel 35-yard line on the Rebels next possession and once again cashed in the turnover. The score came on a 16-yard strike from Moscatello to Derek Cook, and while the two-point try failed it made little difference as the Pirates owned a 33-0 advantage with 5:05 remaining in the second quarter.

Zion Chapel continued to play giveaway on its ensuing possession and handed the ball back to St. Jude at the Rebel 43-yard line on another fumble. Two plays later Moscatello connected with a wide-open Joseph Jones on a 35-yard pass down to the Zion Chapel 5-yard line, and on the next play Charles Knight bulled over on a 5-yard run. The Pirates added the two-point conversion and with 2:30 remaining in the half, St. Jude was in complete command with a 41-0 lead.

Justin Winters set Zion Chapel up at the St. Jude 44-yard line on the ensuing kickoff with another long return, but disaster again struck the Rebels as yet another fumble hit the turf and this time St. Jude's George Price scooped up the loose ball and raced 69 yards for a Pirate touchdown. The extra-point failed, but with 2:05 still left in the second quarter, St. Jude's lead had grown to 47-0.

Gatlin Carnley returned the ensuing kickoff to the Zion Chapel 30-yard line and this time the Rebels managed to hold on to the ball long enough to put some points on their side of the scoreboard. A 16-yard run by Carnley and two Pirate penalties helped the Rebels move the ball down the field, while a 10-yard run by Garrett Stinson and an 8-yard dash by Lance Walden kept the drive alive. Carnley capped the long scoring drive with a 13-yard touchdown scamper with :56 remaining on the clock, and the Rebels tacked on a two-point conversion to make the half-time score St. Jude 47, Zion Chapel 8.

Justin Winters returned the second half kickoff 19 yards to the Zion Chapel 35, and once again the Rebels headed downfield behind the running of Gatlin Carnley and Lance Walden. Carnley gained 21 yards on 2 carries and Walden added 31 yards on two carries. However, the Rebels fumbled the ball away at the St. Jude 20-yard line and came away empty-handed.

St. Jude drove 80 yards following the turnover to score the final points of the game. The score came on a 9-yard run by Alphonson Lee and the extra-point was true as the Pirates claimed the big 54-8 region win.

Lance Walden gained 86 yards on 8 carries to lead the Zion Chapel offense, while Noel Butler gained 66 yards on 7 carries to lead St. Jude and Charles Knight added 56 yards for 239 yards and 3 touchdowns, with seven different receivers catching passes.

STATISTICS

ZC	SJ
8	13
23-118	24-196
118	239
0-2-0	4-35
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8/7	Fumbles/Lost 1/1
2-10	Penalties-Yds. 15-115

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RUNNING REBEL.... Zion Chapel's Lance Walden (28) is off and running in the Rebels' region loss last week to St. Jude. Walden gained 86 yards on 8 carries to lead the Rebels on the ground. Friday night the Rebels will travel to Orrville to tangle with the undefeated Keith Bears.

In region battle

Gamecocks ripped by Raiders 21-7

Statistics and photos by
Michael Jenkins

The New Brockton Gamecocks carried their early-season winning streak to Dothan Friday night to battle the highly-ranked Houston Academy Raiders and suffered their first loss of the season as they dropped a hard fought 21-7 region contest.

Houston Academy fumbled the ball away on its first possession, but held on to the ball on its second offensive series and marched 78 yards to grab an early lead. The touchdown came on a 1-yard run by Seth McGowan, and the Raiders added the extra-point to take a 7-0 lead with 11:54 remaining in the second quarter.

Houston Academy began its next possession at its own 30-yard line and this time marched 70 yards to add to its advantage. The Raider touchdown came on a 34-yard pass from Jo El Bennet to Wilson Brakefield, and the extra-point was again true as Houston Academy moved ahead 14-0 with 6:32 left in the quarter.

New Brockton put the ball in play at its own 32-yard line following the ensuing kickoff and used a little trickery to drive down the field and get on the scoreboard. The trickery came on fourth down at the Houston Academy 23 when Chris Green took a pitch-out and then completed a pass to Justin Griswold for more than enough yardage to keep the drive alive. Hunter Cauley capped off the drive with a 2-yard touchdown run and Kyle Roehler added the extra-point as the Gamecocks cut the Raiders' lead to 14-7 with 1:36 left in the half.

New Brockton failed to move the chains on its initial possession of the third quarter, but began a drive toward the Houston Academy endzone on its second offensive series that was highlighted by key 2-yard gain by Johnny McArthur on a fourth down and one at the Houston Academy 35-yard line.

The Gamecocks were turned away empty-handed when a pass was picked off by the Raiders' Jo El Bennet passes from the goal line, and the Raiders then took control of the game as they marched 99 yards and ate up seven minutes off the clock to score the final points of the night. The score came on a 9-yard run by Seth McGowan, and the extra-point was true as Houston Academy moved on top 21-7 with 9:36 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Gamecocks drove into Raider territory on its next possession and reached a first down at the 35-yard line on a 25-yard pass completion from Hunter Cauley to Seth Culverhouse on fourth down and 25. The drive stalled; however, as the Gamecocks saw another scoring opportunity go by the board.

New Brockton regained possession at its own 39-yard line late in the game and this time

SPOR THE BEARS!



New Brockton's Solomon Harris (27) heads outside for a big gain in the Gamecocks' 21-7 region loss to Houston Academy. Harris gained 27 yards in 5 carries in the region battle.

f By Greg Brunson

Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs employed a big play offense with five touchdowns of more than 35 yards Friday night as they dominated the Florida Wildcats and rolled to a big 46-10 region win.

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SPORTS

Region battles continue for area teams in prep football action



Brantley's Derek Holley (3) heads outside for a big gain in the Bulldogs' 46-10 win over Florida. Holley gained 55 yards on 3 carries in the big region win. Friday night the Bulldogs will travel to Arton to meet the Purple Cats.

Brantley clobbers 'Cats 46-10

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Following is a preview of this week's games:

Zion Chapel (0-3) at Keith (3-0)

The Zion Chapel Rebels will board the buses for the long trip to Orrville Friday night for a region clash with the undefeated Keith Bears in the first meeting ever between the region rivals. The Rebels saw their record slip to 0-3 last week with a lopsided 54-8 loss to St. Jude and have now been outscored 196-21 in their first three games of the '08 season. The losses have left Zion Chapel with a 4-game losing streak, and the rebels have lost 12 of their last 14 games. Keith has been a surprise team in the region and will enter the game sitting atop the region standings after wins over Central, of Hayneville, 34-0, Highland Home 43-7 and Goshen 41-8.

The Bears haven't enjoyed a winning season in 10 years and the last five years have struggled to an overall record of 8-42. However, this season the Bears are growing and appear to be a true playoff contender.

Cottonwood (1-2) at New Brockton (2-1)

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to bounce back from a tough road loss Friday night when they host the Cottonwood Bears in what could be labeled a key region clash for both teams. Cottonwood leads the overall series 12-5, has won 5 of the last 6 meetings, and has won the last three games by a combined score of 126-21. The Gamecocks saw their two-game winning streak snapped last week in a 21-7 region loss to Houston Academy and need a win to get back above .500 in region play. Cottonwood was the preseason pick to win the region, but the Bears have struggled to a 1-2 record and will enter the game Friday night in a "must win" situation, knowing an 0-3 region start could end its post-season plans. The Bears opened the season with a 26-20 win over Slocomb, but the past two weeks

have been shut out by Elba 28-0 and outscored by Houston County 52-50. This game will have two teams needing a win and should be one of the best games in the area.

Brantley (3-0) at Arton (2-1)

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to keep pace in the region race Friday night when they travel to Arton to battle the highly-touted Arton Purple Cats. The Bulldogs lead the Series, 13-0, have outscored the Purple Cats 374-44 over those years and in the last four years have won by a combined score of 138-0. Brantley will bring a 3-0 slate into the clash with wins over Luverne 21-6, Providence Christian 48-8 and Florida 46-10, and have been almost unstoppable with the duo of Chase Hall and Anthony Guley leading the way. Guley has rushed for 235 yards and scored 3 touchdowns on just 13 carries, has 5 receptions for 244 yards and 4 touchdowns and has 3 kick returns for 178 yards and 2 touchdowns. Guley, a senior, has rolled up 657 total yards and scored 9 touchdowns on just 21 touches in three games! Hall has been a major weapon through the air as he has completed 17 of 24 passes for 485 yards, and has also been a leader rushing with 14 carries for 51 yards. Arton was ranked in the "Top 10" in the state the initial three weeks of the season, but was outscored last week by McKenzie 42-28 and even with a 2-1 record have to see this week's clash against the Bulldogs as a key contest in their goal toward hosting a post-season contest. This should be a classic 1A battle.

Kinston (0-3) at Florida (0-2)

Two teams hungry for a win will meet Friday night in Florida when the Kinston Bulldogs tangle with the Florida Wildcats in a key region match-up. The two region rivals have met 20 times over the years, with Florida holding a 15-5 advantage and being the winners in the last five meetings by a combined score of 208-60. The Bulldogs will bring an

Kinston JV win tournament at Providence

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs posted a 4-1 record last week-end to claim the championship of the Providence Christian Junior Varsity Volleyball Tournament, held at Providence Christian Academy, in Dothan.

Kinston posted a 2-1 record in pool play with wins over Carroll 25-9 and 25-13 and Rehoboth 25-17 and 25-20, and a loss to Providence Christian 23-25 and 11-25. The Lady Bulldogs eliminated Dauphin 25-17, 23-25 and 15-11 to advance to the finals, where they defeated Providence Christian 25-21 and 25-16.

Eagles soar past Kinston 51-8

Statistics and photos by Wesley Hunko

The Kinston Bulldogs hosted the Providence Christian Eagles Friday night at Bulldog Stadium and saw their victory drought continue with a 51-8 loss.

Providence Christian wasted little time taking command of the game as the Eagles scored two touchdowns in the opening stanza to grab a 12-0 first quarter lead. Preston Jones scored the first Eagle touchdown on a 14-yard run with 8:47 remaining in the quarter, while Chris Crawford scored the next touchdown on a 6-yard dash with 2:31 left on the clock. Providence Christian failed to convert on an extra-point and a two-point try, but the Eagles had made an early statement and owned a 12-0 advantage after one quarter of play.

The Eagles continued to soar in the second quarter and added three touchdowns to extend their lead to 33-0. A 27-yard touchdown pass from Austin Gilchrist to Hoke Granger with 11:27 remaining in the quarter and a two-point run by Preston Jones upped the Providence Christian lead, while the Eagles' lead went to 27-0 with 7:52 left on the clock when Chris Crawford scored on an 8-yard scamper and Banks Smith tacked on the extra-point. The final score of the half for the Eagles came with 2:48 remaining when Chris Crawford got loose again and this time raced 39-yard for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but at halftime Providence Christian owned a commanding 33-0 advantage.

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Kinston JV win tournament at Providence

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs posted a 4-1 record last week-end to claim the championship of the Providence Christian Junior Varsity Volleyball Tournament, held at Providence Christian Academy, in Dothan.

Eagles soar past Kinston 51-8

Statistics and photos by Wesley Hunko

The Kinston Bulldogs hosted the Providence Christian Eagles Friday night at Bulldog Stadium and saw their victory drought continue with a 51-8 loss.

Providence Christian wasted little time taking command of the game as the Eagles scored two touchdowns in the opening stanza to grab a 12-0 first quarter lead. Preston Jones scored the first Eagle touchdown on a 14-yard run with 8:47 remaining in the quarter, while Chris Crawford scored the next touchdown on a 6-yard dash with 2:31 left on the clock. Providence Christian failed to convert on an extra-point and a two-point try, but the Eagles had made an early statement and owned a 12-0 advantage after one quarter of play.

The Eagles continued to soar in the second quarter and added three touchdowns to extend their lead to 33-0. A 27-yard touchdown pass from Austin Gilchrist to Hoke Granger with 11:27 remaining in the quarter and a two-point run by Preston Jones upped the Providence Christian lead, while the Eagles' lead went to 27-0 with 7:52 left on the clock when Chris Crawford scored on an 8-yard scamper and Banks Smith tacked on the extra-point. The final score of the half for the Eagles came with 2:48 remaining when Chris Crawford got loose again and this time raced 39-yard for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but at halftime Providence Christian owned a commanding 33-0 advantage.

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have been shut out by Elba 28-0 and outscored by Houston County 52-50. This game will have two teams needing a win and should be one of the best games in the area.

Brantley (3-0) at Arton (2-1). The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to keep pace in the region race Friday night when they travel to Arton to battle the highly-touted Arton Purple Cats. The Bulldogs lead the Series, 13-0, have outscored the Purple Cats 374-44 over those years and in the last four years have won by a combined score of 138-0. Brantley will bring a 3-0 slate into the clash with wins over Luverne 21-6, Providence Christian 48-8 and Florida 46-10, and have been almost unstoppable with the duo of Chase Hall and Anthony Guley leading the way. Guley has rushed for 235 yards and scored 3 touchdowns on just 13 carries, has 5 receptions for 244 yards and 4 touchdowns and has 3 kick returns for 178 yards and 2 touchdowns. Guley, a senior, has rolled up 657 total yards and scored 9 touchdowns on just 21 touches in three games! Hall has been a major weapon through the air as he has completed 17 of 24 passes for 485 yards, and has also been a leader rushing with 14 carries for 51 yards. Arton was ranked in the "Top 10" in the state the initial three weeks of the season, but was outscored last week by McKenzie 42-28 and even with a 2-1 record have to see this week's clash against the Bulldogs as a key contest in their goal toward hosting a post-season contest. This should be a classic 1A battle.

Kinston (0-3) at Florida (0-2). Two teams hungry for a win will meet Friday night in Florida when the Kinston Bulldogs tangle with the Florida Wildcats in a key region match-up. The two region rivals have met 20 times over the years, with Florida holding a 15-5 advantage and being the winners in the last five meetings by a combined score of 208-60. The Bulldogs will bring an

SCHOOLS



New school year brings changes with Career Tech programs at EHS

by Kiera Robertson

People often wonder where students learn the skills and gain the valuable hands-on experience required for a variety of high-paying professions. The answer is simple: in any of Alabama's career/technical education programs.

Alabama Career/Technical Education (CTE) is a statewide program designed to prepare students for college and a variety of career opportunities in the fields of agriculture, business/marketing, family and consumer sciences, welding and technical education. This is accomplished by providing hands-on experience, internships, apprenticeships, and cooperative education.

Students who take the right classes and the correct path could graduate with various certifications in those fields, which gives those students a significant edge in the competitive workplace. Career/Technology graduates, such as welders, can start out making at least \$20 an hour doing a welding job in just the local factories.

The Elba High School Career/Technology department has seen many changes over the summer. Long time auto-technology instructor and career technology coordinator, Larry Goodson, and business technology instructor, Ingrid Clark, both retired from the Elba City School System. First time teachers, Phillip Adcock, auto-technology, and Betsy White, business technology, were hired to fill the vacancies.

History teacher Ricky Carlisle was hired as the new Career/Technology coordinator. He is in charge of the whole CTE program at EHS.

After attending the Alabama Career/Technical Summer Conference in July, the Elba High School Career/Technology

teachers began working to make transitions into the new career clustering program that will be taught across the state.

Even students with very busy schedules can find a time to take one of the Career/Tech classes, whether it's family/consumer sciences, welding-tech, auto-tech, or any of the other several options offered at Elba High School. This program is a major asset to the Elba City School System, as many systems much larger do not have the variety of options in the Career/Tech fields that are offered at EHS.

Even though EHS will miss Mr. Goodson's leadership, Mr. Carlisle has gotten off to a great start, and the students of EHS continue to benefit from the program.

FCCLA plans for upcoming year

by Richi Singletary

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education in public and private schools through grade 12.

Everyone is part of a family, and FCCLA is the only national Career and Technical student organization with the family as its central focus. Since 1945, FCCLA members have been making a difference in their families, careers, and communities by addressing important personal, work, and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education.

FCCLA is a vocational student organization that functions as an integral part of the Family and Consumer Sciences education curriculum and operates within the school system, and it provides opportunities for active student participation at local, state, and national levels.

The Elba High School Marching Tiger Band kicked the 2008 season off during the week of July 21st with rookie camp.

Grandparent's Day observed at Elba Elementary School

Elba Elementary School observed Grandparent's Day on Tuesday, Sept. 9. Over 150 grandparents enjoyed visiting in the classrooms and seeing what their grandchildren do at school each day. Many shared with students about the days when they were in school.

The grandparents then enjoyed refreshments that were provided by the Elba Elementary School P.T.O. Serving as honorary grandparents on this special day were ladies that are a part of the Foster Grandparent Program and work at Elba Elementary School each day. These ladies assist with special needs children and work individually with students during the school day. They are a valuable resource to the staff and students at the school.

ELBA TIGER FOOTBALL
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Elba Marching Tiger Band excited about season



Pictured left to right: LaKeshia Brackins - E.E.S. Principal, Francis Wade, Gusie Adams, Doris Waters, Annette Brunson, Mary Brown, and Michelle Hudson - E.E.S. P.T.O. President. Not pictured: Vera Atmore

Volleyball season well underway for Elba Lady Tigers

by Kiera Robertson

The volleyball teams at Elba High School and their coaches, Amanda Martin and Lacy Ward, deserve special recognition for their hard work and admirable accomplishments.

The team spent a large part of the summer vacation participating in summer workouts and conditioning. Also during the summer, the varsity team attended a team camp at Troy University, while the junior varsity team attended a day camp at Kinston High School.

Both teams began the season Aug. 21st at home playing area rival Samson. The varsity came up a little short with this

match, but the JV team pulled off a win.

The varsity team currently has a record of 2-3, including two wins against Dale County and Cottonwood and losses to Samson and Zion Chapel.

Varsity team members include: senior Shanika Pruitt, outside hitter; juniors Kayla Rials, libero, and Janae Carnley, outside hitter; sophomores Molly McGuire, setter, Cortnee Driggers, middle hitter, Keyanna Gavin, middle hitter, Megan King, defense specialist/setter, and Bethany Wilson, outside hitter.

The JV team is currently holding an undefeated record of 5-0 and team members include:

sophomores Chastity Slenker, Priscilla Simmons, Katelyn Calhoun, Lindsey Canley and Kelia Miller; freshmen Kei-Auna Edwards, Sarah Bane, Isabel Carpenter and Kendall Cole; and seventh grader Asia Sistrunk. The team also boasts one new member, an exchange student from Germany.

The teams have several home matches left, including one this afternoon against New Brockton, beginning at 4 p.m. in the EHS gym. The Lady Tigers will also host Daleville on September 25 and Zion Chapel on September 30. They will round out their regular season by playing Opp at home on October 2.

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Teacher Spotlight

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This week's teacher spotlight is on Mr. Tony Hawthorne Jr. He is the new music teacher at the elementary school and the EHS assistant band director.

Mr. Hawthorne is a native of Dothan, Ala. He received his Bachelor's degree in music from Troy State University and will complete his Master's degree in music education this December.

Mr. Hawthorne is very excited about teaching in Elba because this is his first teaching opportunity. Before coming to Elba he served as a graduate assistant for the Sound of the South Marching Band at Troy University, where his responsibilities included maintaining the music library, assisting with the Basketball Pep Band, and directing the Tuesday night Jazz Ensemble.

Mr. Hawthorne believes his assistantship helped make his transition from student to teacher of music easier. He says the faculty at the elementary school also played a huge part in his enjoyment of his job by accepting him into their family with open arms.

"All of my students are terrific and make my job very fun," said Mr. Hawthorne. "I never imagined that I would ever run around a classroom or sing 'If You're Happy and You Know It,' but I do it almost every day."

The person who played the greatest role in determining his

percussion camp and auxiliary camp.

During the camp, students who are marching for the first time, called rookies, learned to march. Also during the week

The following week the entire band met on Monday afternoon, when they began to learn the show for the season. Senior drum major Kim Blue is very excited about the school year.

"I think everyone is willing to work hard, and they will bring home every trophy at every competition that they attend," said Blue.

The theme for this year's show is "Mangione Magic" and includes "Mangione Opener," "Echano" as the drum feature, and "Land of Make Believe," featuring solos played by band seniors Richanna Singletary and Yolanda Wright.

The band will be in the stands every Friday night, supporting the football team and promoting school spirit. The group will also attend two contests this season: A-Town Invitational on October 4 in Andalusia and Little Big Horn on October 18 in Opp.

Shawn Hammonds, band director, says, "The band is going to do well, and we are going to do our job by supporting our football team."

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Elba Elementary School's "Students of the Month" for the month of August were as follows: Kindergarten - Callista Chism, Katelyn Parish, Anyia Reed and Ivie Thomas; First Grade - Layla Brock, Appraisia Edwards, Tyler Hudson and Keleya Parks; Second Grade - Kila Bowwell, Desiree Copeland, Abbi Nash and Alii Nash; Third Grade - Destinee Cole, Laken Cooks, Eric Davis, Tanner Herrington and Alyssa Kyles; Fourth Grade - Landon Canley, Savion Edwards, Seth Rivera and Garian Ware; Fifth Grade - Amber Goodwin, Beyonce Gray, Cammie McCollough and Erin Smith; Sixth Grade - Kris Addison, Christal Ingberman, Maya Matthews and Reid Rials.

Bryan Pharmacy opens in Elba



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BRETT'S PROMISE TO YOU

"We don't have customers, we have friends," says Brett Bryan, Rph (registered pharmacist) and owner of Bryan Pharmacy. Strong, individualized personal attention tailored to each patient's needs best describes the mission of this locally owned, independent pharmacy. "We treat people like we would want to be treated, and in the same way we would want our loved ones treated. Over time, our customers become like our family. We stress the personal touch in a day of large chain-pharmacies by developing a hometown atmosphere of caring to our customers."

By developing this "talking relationship" with his customers, Bryan learns each patient not only a technical sense, but a caring and competent manner. According to Bryan, when a person's pharmacist does not know the patient individually, there's a real danger the person's healthcare is compromised. People should use only one pharmacist, and that pharmacist should know the patient's medical history as much as possible.

Bryan Pharmacy stresses consultation with patients by his staff whether for over-the-counter medication or a medical prescription. Bryan Pharmacy employs Pam Driggers and Craig Stinson, in addition to Brett & Nicki Bryan, who share pharmacist duties.

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"We take all types of medical insurance to include: Medicaid, Medicare Part D, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, all state and federal programs as well, Tri-Care, Med-Co, etc. Of particular interest, DME (Durable Medical Equipment) consisting of breathing medication and diabetic supplies are available through Bryan Pharmacy, and they also deliver them. The pharmacy will also bill Medicare/Medicaid for the DME, as well as general billing for all patients' healthcare insurances.

"If we don't take your insurance, we will make every attempt to become enrolled in your plan. We will not turn away anyone."

The Bryans emphasize the importance of a pharmacist being "on the front line" protecting the public regarding the consumption of prescribed and over-the-counter medications. Knowing the patient through individualized knowledge of that person allows us to best serve them. Also Brett is a compounding pharmacist, certified by the Professional Compounding Centers of America. I can make medicines to meet a particular patient's needs, whether it be a hospice patient needing a Trans-dermal cream or sublingual substance due to an inability to swallow, or a child needing something "better tasting," I can do it.

Brett and Nicki both are graduates of Auburn University's School of Pharmacy. Brett is also a 1989 graduate of ELBA HIGH SCHOOL. Nicki is a graduate of Brantley High School. Brett and Nicki both worked for area chain stores before opening Bryan Pharmacy in Enterprise in 2003. Store hours for the Elba store are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.; Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Closed on Sundays. Our new web site will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Brett would also like to introduce the worldwide web to the same great customer service our friends have come to expect from us in Enterprise. We will be selling vitamins, herbs and supplements via our new web site. We will mainly use our web site as a source of information and contact for our current customers, but will welcome anyone! Please do not hesitate to contact us should you encounter any questions.



Elba High School graduate Brett Bryan, and wife Nicki Bryan, owners, Craig Stinson and Pam Driggers will be staffing the new pharmacy.

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Brian & Marsha Free

The Southeast Alabama Gazette, is pleased to see Brett Bryan Pharmacy locate its new Pharmacy in the city of Elba, his hometown, and we urge all of our readers in Elba, to visit with him and give him the support he deserves.

Hillard & Ann Hamm, Publishers

I am proud to say I was Brett's first boss. He work his prescription time with us at Whitman Drug Co. and I was quick to see that he loved and related well with customers and coworkers. He fills prescriptions with confidence and privacy. He has good relations with all MDs and never hesitates to call in regards to a prescription or for a customer. I just wish I was younger for I would return to work and have him for my boss."

Idelle Oggs

I am so excited to be working in Elba again. I have seen many old customers and friends and hope to see many more of you real soon. I have enjoyed working at Bryan Pharmacy in Enterprise and I am looking forward to working in the new Elba store.

Pam Driggers

Bryan Pharmacy has met my prescription and OTC needs ever since Brett opened his store in Enterprise. My family and friends value his one on one service he gives to us. He is truly a pharmacist who treats you as a friend not a customer. I don't feel you will find a staff more caring and dedicated, they will go out of their way to help you save money and acquire what you need. Best wishes in opening your new store. The town of Elba is Blessed to have you as their Pharmacist as I am.

Oneather (Peanut) Smedley

Going to Bryan Pharmacy is like visiting friends.

Gerald Nelson

Bryan Pharmacy is a caring and helpful pharmacy.

Sharon Williams

I am so happy that Bryan Pharmacy has come to Elba.

Merlene Owens

The drive-thru window makes dropping off and picking up Rx's so easy and convenient.

Jane Hudson

It's nice to walk into a business with a hometown feel where they call you by name.

Katie Eddins

I love going to Brett's because I don't have to wait very long. Everyone is nice and friendly. I think everyone should go to Bryan Pharmacy because it's a nice place to go to.

Mary Louise Hornsby

Bryan Pharmacy is the fastest and friendliest in the county.

Gary Gibson

I am so happy to have Bryan Pharmacy in Elba.

Joan Ward

The service at Bryan Pharmacy is outstanding.

Ed Compton

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Charlotte Hobson

I've always been able to depend on Bryan Pharmacy for all my Rx needs.

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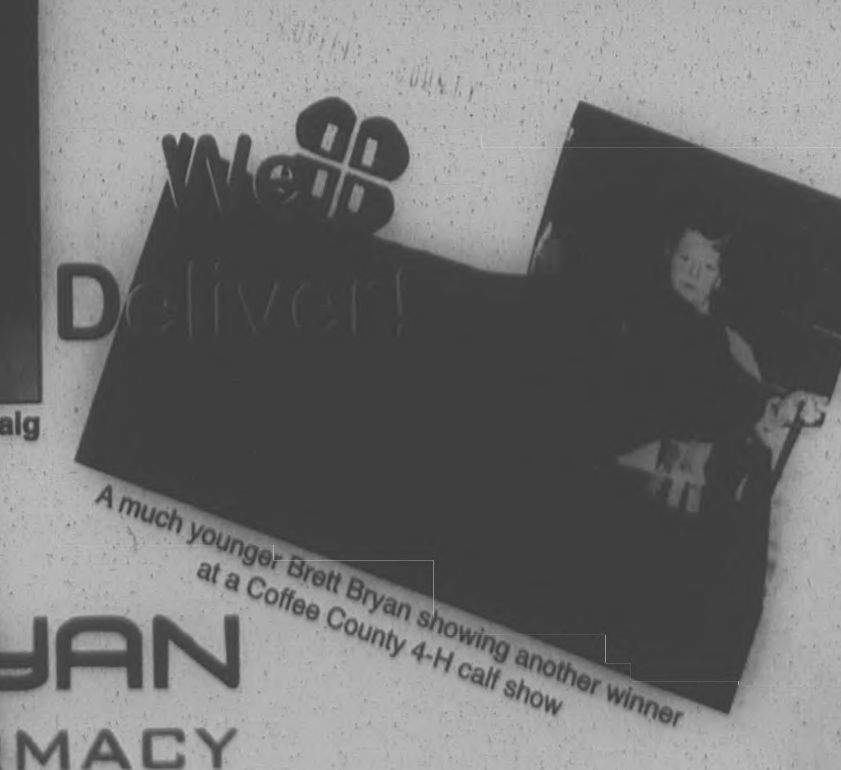
We would like to say how excited we are that Bryan Pharmacy has chosen to open a new branch in Elba. We have been Brett's customers for a number of years now, and with the addition of the Elba location, getting to our favorite Pharmacy will be easier than ever. Brett and his entire staff are friendly and courteous and have always made our family feel as though we were a part of theirs.

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Elba's Derick Thomas enjoying senior year as starting long snapper for Troy Trojans

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba's Derick Thomas started all 12 games as the long snapper for the Troy Trojans during the 2007 football season. He returns this year in his senior season as the starting long snapper for the Trojans and may also see some time at tight end.

Thomas walked-on to the Trojan team in Spring 2005 and worked to earn the backup spot as long snapper in 2006. After the starting long snapper graduated in '06, Thomas said he earned the #1 spot as long snapper and received a football scholarship.

The Trojans opened the 2008 season with a win against Middle Tennessee, and the next scheduled game (LSU) was postponed due to Hurricane Gustav. That game has been rescheduled to Nov. 15th. Last Saturday, Sept. 13, the Trojans played their home opener for the 2008 season at Movie Gallery Stadium in Troy. In front of a crowd of more than 22,000 fans, the Trojans dominated the Alcorn State Braves with a 65-0 win.

Prior to last Saturday's game, Thomas said he was looking forward to the opening home game and felt it would give the Trojans a chance to get better as a team. He said the game would allow the team to work on areas that needed it.

While these days Thomas spends the majority of his time on the field as long snapper for the Trojans, he saw action in several different positions in high school. As standout player for the Elba Tigers, Thomas played on the offensive and de-



Derick Thomas
Troy Trojans (#42)

fensive lines but also served his team at times as linebacker, tight end, kicker and fullback. During his high school career, he recorded 65 tackles including nine for losses and received the Earl McCollough Memorial Award for pride and dedication.



Derick Thomas (#42) serves as the starting long snapper for the Troy Trojans. He says he is living a dream to play college football, and he plans to soak it all up in this his senior year. Derick is the son of Freddie and Deanne Thomas of Elba.

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She added that the board also might need to look at an additional gym area in with these additions at Zion Chapel.

After the additions at Zion Chapel, the next item on the Capital Plan looks at bathroom renovations at the schools.

Board members approved the capital plan as presented but noted it is a work-in-progress

and can be changed at any time as needs see fit. After board members approved the Capital Plan, Dr. Ingram did note that since 2005 the Coffee County School System is nearly at spending approximately \$10 million on the school facilities with no debt service.

Board members also approved a couple of personnel recom-

mendations from the superintendent last Thursday. Both involved support personnel and included:

- Accepted the resignation of Bobbie Williams, instructional aide at Kinston School.

- Granted permission to advertise for a highly qualified instructional aide at Kinston School.

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Elba City Council votes to increase bank loan amount

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday evening, Sept. 22, to redo a recent bank loan and add \$200,000 to the principal.

The extra funds will be used to catch up payment of sales taxes collected and earmarked for the local schools. The council also approved a bank required resolution on the extension of the Tiger Park loan. A recently announced cash grant for this project has not yet been received and will be applied to the debt upon receipt.

Mayor James Grimes explained to council members that the City had fallen behind on transferring the sales tax to the schools when rising cost of electric power and some unexpected operating expenses during the past year prevented the Water and Electric Board from transferring some anticipated

(and budgeted) funds to the city coffers.

A recent problem with fire trucks responding to a house fire required renaming of what is now two streets. Dunham Street was cut into with the Beaver Dam Creek clearing project and the large gap resulted in only one access to each section.

The council accepted the 911 Board recommendation and named the two streets: Dunham Street, South and Dunham Street, North. Dunham Street South can be only be accessed from Hickman Avenue (Dorsey Trailers end of street) and Dunham Street North can be accessed only from Martin Luther King Drive.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported a scheduled electric power outage in downtown Elba on Sunday, Sept. 28, after 9 p.m. Replacement of a power

pole will require this power outage.

Those businesses (and maybe some homes) impacted will be notified.

Mayor Grimes discussed the proposed budget for the next year and referred to a draft in each councilmember's packet. He proposed a workshop for 5:30 p.m. Monday, September 29 to go over this budget. Council members agreed to this timetable.

Grimes also announced that the swearing in of the new city government will be at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 3.

Councilman Tom Hooks reported the need for street paving and/or patching on Martin L. King Drive.

Assistant Police Chief John Nelson reported to the council that the department had only routine activity during the past several weeks.



WHAT'S THAT SMELL?...Elba Elementary School kindergartners got a firsthand "smell" of the farm earlier this week when they attended the annual Farm-City Petting Zoo held on the grounds of the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton. The Elba students were among nearly 1,200 participants that visited the Petting Zoo on Tuesday, Sept. 23, and Wednesday, Sept. 24. The event is highly anticipated each year as youngsters get a chance to learn more about agriculture and "where their food comes from." The students were able to pet animals such as dairy cows, horses, goats and pigs during the petting zoo. They also had an opportunity to hold baby chicks. Above: Elba kindergartners Kate Hudson, Ivis Thomas and Michaela Moseley draw near for a closer look at the pigs. put they use extreme caution as they anticipate the small commonly associated with these animals. For additional scenes from the Elba Elementary School kindergarten class visit, see Page 12.

During Coffee County Commission meeting

County engineer gives update on County Road 359 paving project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday, Sept. 22, Commissioner Linda Westbrook asked for and received an update on the paving project of County Road 359.

County engineer Randy Tindell said the project is probably about 70 percent complete (as of Monday morning). He said it was his hope to have the remainder of the prime down by the end of this week and the rest of the paving completed by the end of next week. At that point, Tindell said there would be some other cosmetic details to complete before the project is entirely finished.

Westbrook commended Tindell and his department for the great job they are doing in regards to this project.



Ft. Rucker's Deputy Garrison Commander George Steuber speaks during last week's annual chamber banquet in Elba.

THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE thanked four individuals for their longtime dedicated service as board members last Thursday evening, Sept. 18, during the annual chamber banquet. Doris Matthews, Mary McMillan, Tonya Jones and Kenneth Calhoun are rotating off the board after several years of serving on the board of directors for the Elba Chamber of Commerce. Each was recognized and presented a plaque by board president Eddie Vaughan during last Thursday evening's banquet. Those pictured above include (from left) Doris Matthews, Eddie Vaughan, Mary McMillan and Tonya Jones. Not pictured: Kenneth Calhoun.

Elba salutes Ft. Rucker during annual chamber banquet

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of the Elba business community gathered Thursday evening, Sept. 18, at the National Security Conference Center for the annual membership banquet.

The theme for this year's banquet was "Ft. Rucker...We Salute You" as those in attendance also welcomed Deputy Garrison Commander George Steuber to the event. Steuber delivered a rousing message from Ft. Rucker to the people of Elba.

Prior to the start of last Thursday's chamber banquet, Steuber said he walked around the Veterans Memorial Park and viewed the military memorabilia inside the conference center.

"You haven't forgotten this is a nation at war," Steuber said. "The memorial says to us at Ft. Rucker that you remember us."

He said the soldiers in the United States military are not fighting a war to bring war. In-

stead, he said they are bringing peace.

Steuber said Ft. Rucker is a happening place with more than 1,200 pilots trained there every year. He said pilots train day and night at Ft. Rucker to best prepare them for their job.

Steuber also said Ft. Rucker has more airfields than any other institution in the Army.

As is common with the chamber banquet, the 2009 officers and directors were introduced. The 2009 officers include: Eddie Vaughan, president; Herby McCall, vice president; Mary Gray, 2nd vice president; Melissa Flowers, secretary; Lynn Baker, treasurer; Denise Sauls, ex-officio; and Linda Hodge, public relations director. The board of directors also includes: Jerry Kelley, Laurie Chapman, Daniel Stephens, Josh Wilson, Jim Goodson, Michael Moseley, Jennie Clark, Paul Barnes, Christina Nelson, Dinah Cop-

See CHAMBER, Page 16



ELBA QUEENS were among the special guests last Thursday evening, Sept. 18, during the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce membership banquet. The queens greeted guests as they arrived for the banquet and helped draw for door prizes later that evening. Elba's reigning queens include (from left) Future Little Miss Elba Kate Hudson, Little Miss Elba Brayton Martin, Miss Elba Megan Anderson, Young Miss Elba Emilee Hudson and (not pictured) Junior Miss Elba Molly McGuire.

Area Happenings

THE 2008 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Sept. 26, with the Elba Tigers traveling to Geneva, the New Brockton Gamecocks hosting Arton, the Zion Chapel Rebels hosting the Kinston Bulldogs and the Brantley Bulldogs traveling to Highland Home. Kickoff for all games is set for 7 p.m.

THE ZION CHAPEL HOMECOMING PARADE will be held Friday, Sept. 26, at 1:30 p.m. Anyone interested in having a parade entry needs to contact Zion Chapel High School at (334) 897-6275 to obtain an entry form. The entry form needs to be returned before Sept. 19. No candy or toys should be thrown from the parade entries. Violators will be asked not to participate in the future.

ZION CHAPEL SCHOOLS will celebrate Homecoming Friday, Sept. 26. Prior to the football game, an Alumni Hospitality Tent will be set up next to the ticket stand beginning at 6 p.m. All Zion Chapel Alumni are invited to visit the tent.

MEMBERS OF THE ELBA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT will conduct their annual MDA Boot Drive on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. The firemen will be located at various intersections within the City of Elba collecting funds for MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association).

THE COFFEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY will hold a meeting Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. in the community room at the New Brockton Farm Center. Local candidates will be speaking. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call Eddie Vaughan at (334) 897-2273 ext 209 or 897-0305.

Westbrook also commended maintenance supervisor Phil Rugg and his department for the work done to complete the shed at the Zion Chapel Senior Center. She said the shed looks good.

Commissioner Robert Stephens got the support of his fellow commissioners Monday morning when they approved a motion made by Stephens to hire Lawford Construction Company to do some work at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba. The work will include cleaning of gutters, along with

some sandblasting and painting work. While the county will supply the materials, Stephens said Mr. Lawford agreed to do the work for \$3,500.

Upon the request of Sheriff Dave Sutton, commissioners voted to allow him to sell several pieces of scrap metal. The sheriff said he will sell the scrap metal for the best price he can find, and the money will go back to the general fund.

Chief Deputy R.W. Whit-

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THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION unanimously passed a resolution Monday, Sept. 22, recognizing the week of Sept. 21-27 as Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Week. Currently, there are nine RC&D Councils in Alabama. Above, commission chairman Tom Grimsley (right) presents the resolution to fellow commissioners Bernest Brooks and Linda Westbrook. Brooks and Westbrook represent Coffee County on the local RC&D Council.

Resource Conservation & Development Councils celebrate national RC&D week

Alabama Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils join the 375 RC&D Councils across the nation in celebrating "RC&D Week" September 21-27.

RC&D week was declared in recognition of the anniversary of the designation of the first ten RC&D areas. In the past 44 years, the program has grown from ten designated areas to 375 designated areas that cover over 85 percent of the United States and its territories.

The RC&D Program is a voluntary program administered

by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). With technical and financial assistance from USDA agencies, RC&D Councils work with communities to develop and protect their economic, social, and natural resources. Councils also work with other State, local, and Federal agencies as well as private organizations and foundations to carry out projects for the benefit of their communities.

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